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SUBJECT: STATE 10 MAY PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT DAILY
PRESS BRIEFING OF 10 MAY FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Q: IS THERE ANY OFFICIAL WORD YET FROM SOUTH AFRICA ON
ACCEPTING A VISIT BY MR. YOUNG?

A: I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DIS-
CUSSING ARRANGEMENTS. I CAN'T OFFER YOU ANYTHING MORE
THAN WE HAD YESTERDAY ON THE SUBJECT.

Q: WHEN YOU SAY DISCUSSING OR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, ARE YOU
INCLUDING THE PRACTICAL QUESTION OF ENTERING THE COUNTRY?

A: YES. IT'S ABOUT WHERE IT WAS YESTERDAY.

Q: DO YOU KNOW IF HE LEFT WITH A VISA IN HIS KIT?

A: I DON'T KNOW.

Q: IN YOUR EXCHANGES WITH SOUTH AFRICA ARE YOU DISCUSSING
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WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA WHAT MR. YOUNG PLANS TO
DO WHEN HE GETS THERE?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY INDICATION OF HOW THESE ARRANGEMENTS
ARE COMING ALONG. I CAN'T FILL YOU IN ON ANY DETAILS.
THEY'RE STILL UNDER WAY. THAT'S THE SUM TOTAL OF DEVELOP-
MENTS SINCE YESTERDAY AT THIS TIME.

Q: DO YOU MEAN TO SUGGEST THAT THESE ARE NOT BEING HANDLED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT MR. YOUNG IS HANDLING THEM THROUGH HIS OFFICE -- AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN?

A: NO. I DON'T MEAN TO SUGGEST THAT AT ALL. AS I SAID YESTERDAY, WE HAD MADE THE REQUEST TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, PARALLELING WHAT HAS BEEN DONE BY HIS HOSTS.

Q: DID I UNDERSTAND YOU RIGHT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET TOLD THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHETHER IT WILL OR WILL NOT GRANT HIM A VISA?

A: THAT IS CORRECT.

Q: THERE WAS A REPORT THAT IT HAD.

A: YES; I'VE SEEN THE REPORTS.

Q: BUT IT HAS NOT?

A: IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL BEING WORKED ON.

Q: HAS THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SAID "NO" ON THE ISSUE OF A VISA?

A: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'VE SAID SPECIFICALLY.

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Q: CAN YOU FIND OUT WHETHER THEY SAID HE WOULD NOT BE GIVEN A VISA?

A: I'LL SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN GET, HOPEFULLY, ON THE SITUATION.

Q: YOUR USE OF THE TERM IS A SORT OF COVERALL FOR EVEN INCLUDING PERMISSION TO VISIT THE COUNTRY -- NOT THE NORMAL SENSE OF THE WORD FOR ARRANGEMENTS OF WHAT HE WILL DO IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A: WELL, IT WOULD INCLUDE, OBVIOUSLY, THE ENTRY QUESTION.

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT SECRETARIES VANCE AND OWEN AGREED ON A RHODESIA PLAN THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE RESIGNATION OF MR. SMITH BY NEXT YEAR.

A: ON THE LAST POINT, CERTAINLY I'M NOT GOING TO CONFIRM ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I WOULD SIMPLY POINT OUT THAT LATE

LAST WEEK, FOLLOWING THE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO GENTLEMEN
IN LONDON, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THERE WOULD BE A STATEMENT
COMING OUT VERY SOON -- I UNDERSTAND THAT WILL BE IN A
MATTER OF DAYS -- A JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING THE NEXT
STEPS ON THE RHODESIA QUESTION. AND I THINK UNTIL THAT
FORMAL JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE, I'M NOT GOING TO TRY
TO PREDICT THE DETAILS OF IT. CHRISTOPHER

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